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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith, which is imposed by Rule 56 (37 C.F.R. § 1.56), the references listed on the attached Substitute Form PTO-1449 (one page) are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. No admission is made that the cited art represents the prior art or that the cited art is the most material art.

Undersigned counsel received an International Search Report (copy enclosed as reference A.R) in a counterpart PCT patent application. That Search Report is indicated to have been mailed December 6, 2004 and cites three U.S. patent references, two of which (U.S. Patent Nos. 4,673,386 and 5,976,112) are already of record. The remaining reference is cited herein.

The Examiner is urged to consider each cited reference and to make an independent decision with respect to the materiality thereof.

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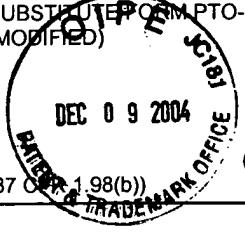
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